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TAGS: ETEL, GW, US

SUBJECT: MUNICH VOA LW TRANSMITTER

REF: A. STATE 159584 B. BONN 5828 C. 76 BONN 8664

1. IN ABSENCE OF KRATH AND VENHAUS, EMBOFF JULY 14 DISCUSSED MUNICH VOA LW TRANSMITTER AND 209 KHZ FREQUENCY WITH SEIDEL AND SCHMIDT OF BROADCAST SECTION OF POSTAL MINISTRY (BPM) AND BOECKING OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. THEY WERE PLEASED THAT USG NOW READY TO HOLD MEETING TO DISCUSS PROBLEM BUT SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT DESCRIPTION OF TALKS AS "PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS." SEIDEL PROMISED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS THE MINISTRY WAS ABLE TO PROPOSE A DATE FOR THE MEETING.

2. SEIDEL SEEMED STUNNED AT SUGGESTION THAT VOA MIGHT WANT TO SHARE THE TRANSMITTER AND THE CHANNEL. HE SAID HE AND THE BROADCASTERS HE DEALS WITH UNDERSTOOD THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED AT THE TIME OF THE GENEVA LF/MF CONFERENCE THAT THE FREQUENCY WOULD BE GIVEN TO DEUTCHE WELLE AND THE IDEA OF SHARING WITH VOA WAS ENTIRELY NEW TO HIM. HE SAID THAT THE MATTER, OF COURSE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING, BUT HE SAW LITTLE CHANCE THAT DEUTCHE WELLE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SHARING THE FREQUENCY.

3. COMMENT: KRATH OBVIOUSLY HAS NOT BEEN KEEPING SEIDEL FULLY INFORMED OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN FRG AND US ON THIS MATTER. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF KRATH'S EARLIER

REJECTION OF THE IDEA OF SHARING A FREQUENCY WITH  
RADIO LIBERTY. EMBASSY NOT AWARE OF WHAT WAS AGREED  
TO IN CORRIDORS AT GENEVA, BUT AT MAY 1976 DISCUSSION  
IN BONN, US REPS TOLD BPM THAT WHILE BOTH FREQUENCY  
AND TRANSMITTER COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FRG,  
USG MIGHT WISH TO SHARE FACILITIES. AS WE RECALL,  
THIS WAS IN CONTEXT OF POSSIBLE RFE/RL USE OF THE  
FACILITIES AND SEIDEL IS CORRECT THAT IDEA OF VOA  
CO-USE OF THE FACILITY IS AN ENTIRELY NEW IDEA.  
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